Mine Action Update

Hudaydah

In March, UNMHA recorded eight landmines and ERW incidents resulting in 17 civilian casualties. This is a 21 per cent increase compared to March 2022 (14) and a 19 per cent decrease compared to February 2023 (21). It includes nine civilians injured (including one woman and five children) and eight killed (including one woman and one child). Casualties were reported in Al Hali (11) and At Tuhayta (5) districts.

Mine Action Advocacy and Support

UNMHA carried out outreach activities with various interlocutors including UN partners, local authorities, NGOs and INGOs, to promote access, support demining efforts and advocate for the import of demining equipment.

On 12 March, UNMHA’s Head of Mission Michael Beary visited the YEMAC and Project Masam teams on the outskirts of Hays town. He met and interacted with the deminers, observed their equipment and received a briefing on the explosive ordnance contamination in the southern districts of Hudaydah.

Hudaydah Governorate remains the most landmine and ERW-impacted governorate in Yemen. Freedom of movement and livelihood activities of the local population has been restricted due to the risk of landmines and ERW. UNMHA continues to advocate for urgent humanitarian mine action and international support to demining efforts.

Note: numbers of civilian casualties are as reported by multiple sources, and have not been independently verified by UNMHA.